



Alternatives Summary Table

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Alternatives development is driven by the issues identified during scoping. This table summarizes and compares how management associated with the issues would change between the two alternatives.

It is important to remember that this effort is not rescinding or replacing the 2015 plan, but modifies with a goal of achieving better alignment among state and federal agencies. As such, many actions from the 2015 plan are not proposed to change. Actions from the 2015 plan that are not shown in the alternatives would continue under both alternatives and are incorporated by reference. Only changes that address issues are presented in the alternatives.

The “Management Alignment Alternative” is not a final decision. It may be adapted to reflect new information gained during the public comment period, or changes that occur in BLM policies and practices. The BLM may “mix and match” among elements of the alternatives and/or new information in formulating its proposed amendment.



Issue	No-Action Alternative	Management Alignment Alternative
Sagebrush Focal Area (SFA) Designations/ Withdrawal Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 181,100 acres of SFA (Box Elder and Rich County)- Recommended for withdrawal and prioritized for treatments/livestock permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 0 acres of SFA- Return to underlying management (usually Priority Habitat Management Areas—{PHMA}) – no withdrawal recommended
Administering the Disturbance and Density Caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No additional disturbance if an area has >3% disturbance or an average of >1 facility/640 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- If project design and site conditions indicate a project will improve habitat, exceedances of disturbance and density caps are allowed
Modifying Habitat Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Values based on standard vegetation data, differentiated by populations.- Adjustments can be made at the local level based on local science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Values based on micro-site vegetation data combined with broad vegetation, climatic, and elevation data.- Adjustments can be made at the local level based on local science
General Habitat Management Areas (GHMA) in Utah	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 448,600 acres of GHMA- Includes lek buffers, required design features, net conservation gain, habitat objectives, leasing prioritization- Management in place prior to the 2015 Plan Amendment would remain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 0 acres of GHMA, and removing associated management- Management in place prior to the 2015 Plan Amendment would remain- Avoid indirect impacts on PHMA- Replace occupied habitat developed outside PHMA by improving habitat in PHMA